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The local newspapers are not alone in taking all law allows from the county.

Old Andy Carnegie says he has given away \$324,000,000. How did you get it, Andy?

"Are there any neutral rights?" asks the Globe-Democrat. None that a nation with a preponderant navy need respect.

The ways of juries are inscrutable. In St. Louis the other day, twelve men, good and true, acquitted a man who had shot another in the back on the grounds that the deed was done in self-defense.

The Legislature has been in session for over a month and only a few bills have been passed. Most of the time has been employed in fastening pap-suckers onto the tax payers.

It is strange how little men like the Morgans and Rockefellers know about their business affairs. When any of them are put on the witness stand to give some information concerning their business, the answers are, "I have no information on the subject," "I can't say as to that," "I don't remember the circumstances," and so on.

Democratic Leader Underwood has seen the light and now argues that unless Congress cuts expenses it is bound to face a big treasury deficit. He advocates retrenchment in certain directions, cutting out one battleship, etc., but we note that he says nothing in favor of cutting out some of the "useless offices" or the reduction of fat salaries drawn by the patriots who are serving the country so zealously at present.

The State University has in its employ, an attorney at a salary of \$3,000 a year, whose duty it is to look after the collection of the inheritance tax, a revenue of the University. One would imagine that this lawyer giving his whole time to the matter would not need much assistance in looking after the collection of these funds, but the State Auditor appointed several other lawyers in different parts of the state on the same job, one in St. Louis collecting commissions of \$11,000 in the past year for his services. Now, what is that University lawyer doing?

Time does change the views of men mightily. A few years ago when the question of giving the people of Missouri the Initiative and Referendum was up the dries were all for it and the liquor element fought it tooth and nail. Now the whole thing is changed; the dries are seeking the means to suspend the Referendum and the wets find it their safeguard against all prohibition laws enacted by the legislature. We say, let the Referendum alone, for the time will come when the people will use it as a club to knock out the wets who are now hiding behind it.

A Comment on the Audit.

Elsewhere in these columns we give the substance of the report on the county audit, and a little editorial comment upon it should not be amiss. It may be well to observe at the outset, that in no instance where a discrepancy has been discovered in the accounts of any official, has such discrepancy occurred from any other reason than the mistaken conception of the official as to what he was entitled to claim under the laws. No dishonesty is revealed anywhere in the overhauling.

Whatever sums are recoverable to the county from this investigation is the least of the benefits resulting from it, for the county officers are now fully informed as to just what they will be entitled to in the future as to their respective remuneration, and the county treasury will profit to the extent of several hundred dollars annually.

The general efficiency of the men who have been in charge of

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Due from Collector.
To State \$ 51.40
" County revenue 120.53
" Road fund 22.77
" Special road and bridge fund 27.80
" School districts 182.85
Total \$405.35
Due From County Clerk.
To County revenue \$649.01
Due from Circuit Clerk.
To County revenue \$108.65
Due from Sheriff.
To State \$165.85
" County 42.40
Total \$208.27
Total amt. recoverable, \$1,371.28

The investigation covers only the years 1911, 1912 and 1913, the statute of limitation restraining the examiners from going into the records preceding those of 1911. For the year 1914, during which the examination was made, the instructions of the Auditor were operative against discrepancies in that year.

The discrepancies charged to the Sheriff were adjusted immediately upon that officer's attention being called to them, during the progress of the investigation his office, the funds in question simply having remained in his hands beyond the time specified by law for turning them into their proper depositories.

The recovery of the amounts due from the other officers depends on voluntary action, or failing in which, by regular process of law, at the direction of the County Court.

In giving the examiners' report on the condition of the various offices, we find it necessary to condense on account of its length. It says:

The Collector is an exceptionally well-qualified official. His books are all very neat and clear, leaving nothing that is not clearly set out, and the only error occurred from being misinformed as to the law governing commission. In fairness to the present Collector, we want to state that he followed a precedent in this matter and informed us that he was advised by the prosecuting attorney to retain 5 per cent commission on all back tax collections, also that the matter was brought to the attention of the county court before his settlement was approved for the first year of his incumbency.

In fairness to the county and county clerk alike we give the following explanation:

The county's affairs during the period covered by the report is not criticised, but, in some instances, complimented. However, we note in this connection, that nearly half of the report is devoted to a review of the County Treasurer's accounts, set forth in broadest detail, without a single discrepancy chargeable against him, yet he has received no mention of any kind in the report. County Treasurer Robinson is known as a most efficient, conscientious and careful officer. During the three-year period covered by the review, he received and disbursed \$281,796.41 of public funds and not a cent was lost. In all justice his clean record should have received some favorable mention. Whether this neglect was due to oversight is a matter of conjecture.

While the cost of making the examination is considerable, it was worth the money, and the people have reason to congratulate themselves that their servants in office are honest and capable, irrespective of politics.

Senator Vandaman, of Mississippi, got up on his hind legs the other day and handed this to Senator Stone of Missouri:

"His (Stone's) verbal evacuation is flavored with the bile of malice and smells to heaven with the odor of duplicity and stifling fumes of injustice. His arrogant assumption of leadership of the Democratic party in the United

The County Clerk has in his possession an opinion given by the Attorney General's office, February 28, 1912, stating that the Clerk is not required to account for the fee received for making the annual statement of receipts and expenditures, which is \$50 per year, or \$150 for the time covered by our audit. In an opinion given by the Attorney General's office of January 13, 1914, the County Clerk is not required to give an account for the fees for issuing hunter's license. As to these opinions, we have later opinions from the Attorney General which reverses each of them, and have, therefore, charged the Clerk with the fees.

We examined the office of the Circuit Clerk and Recorder and found that during the years 1912 and 1913 the fees received by him did not exceed the amount he was allowed to retain, and we show a detailed account of fees received and amount paid out for deputy hire during the year 1911, showing \$108.65 due county. It is the duty of the Clerk to make out separate statements of fees received by him as Circuit Clerk and also as Recorder and the County Court should examine these statements and see that they are in proper form before approving the same. It is very necessary that the Clerk should keep a Filing Record and an Issuing Docket and also more complete indexes to Civil and Criminal Court files. We have suggested certain forms to be used and we are assured by him that our recommendations will be put into effect.

We found the County Superintendent of Schools keeping a most complete record of all matters pertaining to his office. Much information of a historical and statistical nature is being compiled into permanent records, not required to be kept, and shows that the Superintendent has a real interest and feeling in his work. All monies coming into his hands is being accounted for in detail. The County Court has been advancing and the Superintendent receiving money in anticipation of expenses for stamps, etc. This is a violation of the statute, as the Court has no authority to pay out public funds for such expense in advance of a bill being properly presented and audited for money which has been expended.

In the matter of delinquent interests in school fund bonds, the examiners recommend that the County Court should take all the necessary steps to see that the interest is promptly paid.

States Senate would be considered immodest and unbecomingly, unexpected—of one less gifted in the art of political tergiversation and sleight-of-hand performance in the role of statecraft."

And both are good Democrats.

Democratic talk of economy always ends in a riot of extravagance.

Mexican Raises 240 Bushels of Corn to Acre.

Zeferina Dominguez of Mexico says he brought his land up from seven bushels of corn to the acre to 240 bushels. If he could do that with only nine inches of rainfall yearly and no irrigation, why could not our farmers do the same. Or if they could produce only 100 bushels it would beat what they are doing more than a hundred per cent.

He farms scientifically. He retains the moisture in the ground after a rain by packing the ground by means of rollers and then harrowing the top of the soil to a depth of two inches. He is more careful with the selection of his seed corn than the cultivation. He keeps it well ventilated and makes practical tests before planting to see that it is all fertile.

He said that the farmers would all have to discard the "trust in God" method of farming and do it scientifically.

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County Court Proceedings.

State Auditor requested to draw warrant in favor of Treasurer of county for the Caledonia High school for \$295.47.

Road overseers made annual settlements.

Alex Cordia resigned as Justice of Peace of Richwoods township.

L. J. Campbell was appointed as deputy county clerk, appointment approved by Court.

The official bond of Geo. F. Carr, as Collector of the Revenue was examined and approved for the sum of \$51,000.00 with John Maclay, J. F. Evans, W. P. Maclay, Jas. Long, Edmond Casey, Perry Bass, as securities there on.

Road case of U. S. Baryties Co. was continued until 2nd day of March 1915.

Report of State Auditor received Feb. 3, 1915; the county court ordered report filed with in county Clerks office. By agreement of counsel on both sides the matter has been continued until 2nd day of March.

E. F. Greenlee resigned as Justice of Peace of Johnson Township.

ROAD OVERSEERS APPOINTED

Dist.	Name	P. O.
1	Chas. W. Lewis	Richwoods.
2	J. J. Rutledge	"
3	C. W. Hulsey	Hulsey.
4	Ferd C. Hill	Anthones Mill.
5	Leni Metcalf	Latty.
6	Judson Richeson	Aptus.
7	Thos. Ronquest	Bliss.
8	Chas. Martin	Fertile.
9	Elias Ross	Old Mines.
10	John Roll	Cadet.
11	Geo. Rush	Mineral Point.
12	"Potosi Special"	"
13	Sim Eye	Potosi.
14	Chas. League	Shirley.
15	L. M. Martin	Brazil.
16	Jas. Jarvis	Courtois.
17	Joseph Horton	Belgrade.
18	Heath Bryan	Belgrade.
19	Wm. Wisdom	Caledonia.
20	George Beals	Irontdale.
21	Rudolph Jaschke	Bismarck.
22	Henry Bone	Hopewell.
23	Pat H. Ward	Aptus.
24	Tophild Boyer	Tiff.

Richard Witt resigned as justice of the peace of Johnson twp.

Jas. R. Strauser was appointed justice of the peace to fill vacancy in Johnson twp.

L. D. Bone was elected to succeed himself as a Commissioner of the Potosi Special Road District.

J. D. Harrington was appointed constable of Concord township.

The Court ordered pauper inquest fees hereafter be allowed as follows:—coffin \$6.00, grave digging \$2.00; burial robes \$1.25 and 25 cents per mile for conveying body to grave.

Nelson C. Ronquest was appointed constable of Kingston township.

Dr. S. F. Thurman resigned as County Physician, and the court appointed Dr. J. P. Townsend, as County Physician.

A levy of \$2.00 account of poll tax was made, on all male citizens over the age of 21 years and under the age of 50 years for tax of the year 1915.

Bids were opened for supplies for county poor farm for one year ending February 6, 1916. H. E. Blount was awarded the contract, upon agreement to furnish all supplies needed, at a cost to him, with eight per cent on the dollar added.

Five children of Mrs. Frank Derickson, were given to the care and custody of the Children's Home Society of Missouri, located in St. Louis.

County court adjourned to Monday, March 1, 1915.

Warrants Issued.

B. Fox, supt. schools, salary	\$100.00
W. A. Cooper, pros. atty.	188.30
H. L. Smith, assessor	505.52
N. F. Robinson, treas., salary	200.00
" incidentals	61.65
Buxton & Skinner, books, etc.	22.92
J. C. Craig, auditing accounts	246.60
H. S. Johnson	113.11
L. W. Weiler	198.89
Skinner, Kennedy & Co., sta'y.	3.95
Dougherty Bros., sup. poor	5.05
J. P. Ward, account pauper	6.00
Skinner, & Kennedy, station'y.	8.85
P. T. Ramsey, rent polls	1.00
J. T. Rice, supplies poor	31.50
Dr. David Ford, med. services	15.00
Bust Grain Co., coal	20.80
Roussin & Cordia, sup. poor	3.68
Dr. Townsend, med. services	5.00
Andy Oster, election expenses	5.35
Standard Printing Co., station'y	49.30
Edmond Casey, supplies	5.38
J. W. Martin, election expense	2.00
J. B. Steinmetz, ac. small-pox	15.00
State Training School for Boys	90.00
R. E. Hutchings, surveyor	33.00
John Hudson, sup. poor	39.75
J. B. Boyer & Son, supplies	17.85
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., books	185.74
Potosi Mill & Elev. Co., suppl's	47.96
Roussin & Cordia, sup. poor	15.78
Cole & Northcutt, election exp.	2.50
Jas. A. Shields, plats, etc.	7.50
Skinner, Kennedy & Co., sta'y.	2.35
Childrens Home Society of Mo., ac. 5 children of Mrs. F. K. Derickson	250.00
Joe. Cresswell, sup. poor	6.80
Dr. H. J. Blount, med. serv.	14.25
John Devine, janitor	90.00
Potosi Telephone Co., service	10.82
H. Walton & Son, pauper coffin	6.00
Dr. S. F. Thurman, co. phys.	15.15
Lee Hambley, supt. poor farm	86.50
J. W. Settle & Co., sup. poor fm.	137.50
" " courth's	8.77
H. C. Bell, stationery	23.50
State Home for Girls	60.00
J. B. Boyer & Son, pauper cof.	6.00
Hart, Williams Coal Co., coal	61.05
Standard Printing Co., station'y	8.65
L. D. Bone, election expenses	1.50
Potosi Journal, supplies	3.00
Luther Cresswell, sheriff	55.75
G. W. Seabourne, county judge	31.50
S. V. Eys, county judge	30.80
W. B. Compton, county judge	30.00
Geo. Noonan, county clerk	150.00
Henry Scott, wolf scalp	3.00
H. J. Blount, coroner's fees	19.17

A Democrat on the Tariff.

Congressman Whiteacre, a Democrat from Ohio, has given his party a shock with his speech in the House, in which he frankly attributed the business depression from which the country has been suffering, to the Wilson-Underwood tariff.

This Ohio Democrat is not the only one of his party who understands the situation as he views it. Pennsylvania is full of such Democrats, who have the most convincing demonstrations of the ruinous effect of the party's tariff theories when legislated into practice. The Democratic party of this state will never get anywhere as long as it accepts the policies imposed upon it by the national leaders.

That a similar feeling exists in other northern states was demonstrated anew by the result of the recent election, and it is that which now makes Democratic success in the next presidential campaign look impossible. A tariff made to aid foreign manufacturers can never be approved by the manufacturers and wage earners of this country.

Congressman Whiteacre will not reform his party. He should follow the example of many thousands of Pennsylvania Democrats and come into the Republican party, which is for America first and all time.—Philadelphia Telegraph Rep.

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